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Water Pollution Management Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

CARSON CITY — The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is accepting applications for approximately \$2 million in grant funds to be awarded to municipalities, educational institutions and nonprofit organizations for projects and programs that reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution within the state.

Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution is another term for polluted runoff. Runoff is water from rain, melting snow or irrigation that flows over the ground surface and returns to rivers, lakes, wetlands, coastal estuaries, and underground drinking water sources. As it travels, runoff can collect a variety of pollutants from air or land and transport them to the receiving waters. A wide variety of human activities contribute to NPS pollution. Examples of NPS pollutants include:

- Sediment from improperly managed construction sites and eroding stream banks
- Oil and grease from roads, parking lots and driveways
- Excess fertilizers and pesticides from agricultural lands, golf courses and residential lots
- Pathogens and nutrients from livestock, pet wastes and malfunctioning septic systems
- Acid drainage from abandoned mines

Grant proposals will be accepted until November 10, 2006. A committee of state officials will evaluate the proposals and award the grant funds.

Detailed application instructions are available on NDEP's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bwqp/rfp06.htm>. Interested parties may call Danielle Henderson at (775) 687-9445 for additional information on applying for these grant funds. Information on the state's NPS management program is available on NDEP's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bwqp/npsgwp.htm>.

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